The number of employees who availed of Voluntary Retirement Scheme, as per information received from the Central Public Sector Undertakings, during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (as on 30.06.1994) are 38531, 30935, and 820 respectively. Retraining and counselling of rationalised workers have commenced on a pilot scale basis in the year 1993-94. As on 31.5.1994, a total of 266 workers had been retrained by the Employees Assistance Centres.

Industrial investment in the country

2382. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to the answer to Unstarred Question 450 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 1994 and State:

(a) whether Government have given highest attention to investment in the fields of chemicals, textiles, vegetable oils and vanaspati food processing, etc., to generate more employment in these sectors, and

(b) If so, what steps have so far been taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Government have, under the New Industrial Policy, 1991, delicensed textiles, vegetable oil and vanaspathi, food processing and most of the chemicals (except hazardous chemicals) with the objective of generating more investment and consequently employment. In addition, most of the chemicals, food processing, textile items have been accorded high priority status or foreign investment.

Financial assistance for development of Khadi and Village Industries

2383. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any scheme for the development and establishment of Khadi and Village Industry in the country, particularly in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of financial assistance given to the States during the year 1993-94 in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) the financial assistance proposed to be given during the year 1994-95, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) In addition to Khadi programme, 96 village Industries are implemented by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) throughout the country including Punjab. The Union Government provides funds to KVIC by way of loans and grants for the development of KVI sector. KVIC in turn provides funds to different State/Union Territory KVI Boards and directly aided institutions for implementing the different KVI Schemes in rural areas. In addition to its regular programme the KVIC has decided to extend special employment programme in select Districts in the country in order to create more and more employment opportunities in rural areas.

c) Based on the information provided by KVIC, a statement showing the details of the financial assistance given to different states by KVIC during 1993-94 is placed. (See below)

State wise and year-wise disbursement of Funds for development of KVI

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	1993-94
1	Andhra Pradesh	992.65
2	Arunachal Pradesh	33.28
3	Assam	115.12
4	Bihar	129.02
5	Goa	34.10
6	Gujarat	287.51
7	Haryana	371.99
8	Himachal Pradesh	176.02
9	Jammu & Kashmir	90.21
10	Karnataka	547.40
11	Kerala	344.14
12	Madhya Pradesh	423.74
13	Maharashtra	1,117.60
14	Manipur	175.16
15	Meghalaya	44.20
16	Mizoram	185.25
17	Nagaland	159.25
18	Orissa	390.33
19	Punjab	248.63
20	Rajasthan	301.92
21	Sikkim	55.53
22	Tamil Nadu	735.17
23	Tripura	63.00
24	Uttar Pradesh	1,753.87
25	West Bengal	464.48
26	Andaman & Nicobar Island	..
27	Chandigarh	9.40
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	..
29	Delhi	58.51
30	Daman & Diu	..
31	Lakshadweep	42.19
32	Pondicherry	7.29
	TOTAL	9,356.96

(d) KVIC's budget discussions for the year 1994-95 with different KVI Boards and institutions are in progress. Therefore it will not be possible to give the details of the financial assistance proposed to be given to different states for the year 1994-95 at this stage.

Financial assistance to small scale industries in Punjab

2384. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the development of small scale industries in the country particularly in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details therefor in this respect.

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any financial assistance has been given to Punjab during the year 1993-94 for the development of Small Scale Industries; and

(e) the financial assistance proposed to be given during the year 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The Government of India through Small Scale Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) are implementing a number of Schemes for development and promotion of Small Scale Industries in the country. These Schemes are Tool Rooms and Training Centres, Regional Testing Centres, Field Testing Stations, Product-cum-Process Development Centres, Entrepreneural Development Programme, Industrial Management Training, Export Promotion, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme, etc. The benefits under these schemes will also accrue to the small scale industries in Punjab.

(d) and (e) The approved outlays for VSI Sector of Punjab during 1993-94 and 1994-95 are Rs. 19.10 Crores and Rs. 21.99 Crores respectively.

Pending proposals for setting up industries in Punjab

2385. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of application/proposals pending as on date with the Union Government for approval for the establishment of Industrial Units in Penjao;

(b) the amount involved in these proposals for setting up of new Industrial Units;

(c) the projected employment potentials; and

(d) the time by when these proposals are likely to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) As on 1.8.94, 4 applications for grant of Industrial Licences for setting up of industries in Punjab were pending.

(b) The investment in fixed assets involved in these applications amount to Rs. 9098 lakhs.

(c) The projected employment in the above said applications is 3250 numbers

(d) All steps are taken for speedy disposal of applications. Actual disposal of applications depend on the sectoral policy adopted by the Administrative Ministry, their recommendations to specific cases and also furnishing of complete information by the applicant.

Sector-wise growth rate targets and achievements

2386. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the sector-wise growth rate targetted and achieved during the last five years;

(b) the details of reasons for low growth rate achieved by these sectors in the recent years; and